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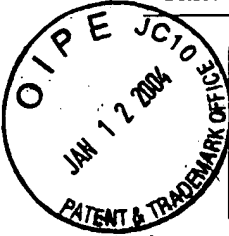
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Title: COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE AND METHOD FOR DRIVING THE SAME



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

US 2001/0005388 is an English equivalent of JP 2002-43698 and US 5,233,620 is an English equivalent of JP 2685969. English abstracts have been provided for all of the other Japanese references.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to

establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

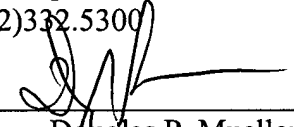
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,


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FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 10873.1330	Application Number: 10/692,158
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,233,620	August, 1993	Shinozaki, et al.			
	2001/0005388	June, 2001	Hirata, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	63-147387	June, 1988	Japan			Abstract	
	2-209784	August, 1990	Japan			Abstract	
	4-3127	January, 1992	Japan			Abstract	
	2685969	August, 1997	Japan				
	2002-43698	February, 2002	Japan				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	